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### 1. INDOCHINA

US INTENDS MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TOWARD NORMALIZING RELS W/VN,  
ACCORDING DOS' BROWN, THO NUMBER QUESTIONS REMAIN TO BE  
CLEARED UP, INCL MIA ISSUE (REUTER, SUN). OBERDORFER (WP)  
NOTES BROWN DID NOT SAY WHETHER ADMIN INTENDS MOVE FORTH-  
RIGHTLY TOWARD ADMITTING VN TO UN AS STATED BY AMB YOUNG;  
QUOTES YOUNG/BROWN THAT US HOPES UN ISSUE WILL NOT ARISE  
UNTIL US HAS HAD TIME IMPROVE BILATERAL RELS W/HANOI.  
HOVEY (NYT) POINTS OUT BROWN SAID NO TIME FRAME FIXED FOR  
RESUMING TALKS W/VN. QUOTES YOUNG ON ABC TV'S "GOOD MORN-  
ING AMERICA" THAT HE REITERATED WHAT PRES HAS SAID SINCE  
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CAMPAIGN/WHAT VANCE STATED ON NUMBER OCCASIONS. ADDS  
MEMBERS NATL LEAGUE FAMILIES ASSEMBLING IN WASHINGTON FOR  
ANNUAL VIGIL OUTSIDE WH.

ANDELMAN (NYT) REPORTS VN PLANS STATE-OWNED OIL CO/WILL  
SHORTLY APPROVE DETAILED FON INVESTMENT CODE TO PAVE WAY  
FOR LARGE SCALE ENTRY FON OIL COS/OTHER MAJOR INTL PRIVATE

INVESTORS. ADDS VN ECONOMISTS SEE CRITICAL/POSSIBLE FATAL STAGNATION SETTING IN IF MASSIVE INFLUX FON CAPITAL NOT FORTHCOMING SOON. REVIEWS HISTORY OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN VN. SEVEN FLEEING LAOS FOR THAILAND DROWN IN MEKONG AFTER BOAT SUNK BY LAOTIAN TROOPS' ROCKETS (REUTER BANGKOK).

2. THAILAND

POLICE SAY ALL BROTHELS MUST BE CLOSED BY FEB 15 IN LINE W/MIL GOVT'S CLEAN-UP POLICY (REUTER BANGKOK).

3. INDONESIA

AMEX INTL BANKING CORP SAYS PERTAMINA MAY BE IN TECHNICAL VIOLATION MAJOR LOAN AGREEMENT DUE FAILURE MEET PAYMENTS ON DISPUTED TANKER CHARTER AGREEMENTS (WSJ).

4. SINGAPORE

UK JUDGE BLOCKS GOS' EFFORTS EXTRADITE LONDON FINANCIER J. D. SLATER FOR TRIAL ON CHARGES INVOLVING ALLEGED BUSINESS MISDOINGS (WSJ).

5. CHINA

SEN MAJORITY LEADER BYRD URGES PRES APPOINT MIKE MANSFIELD TO HEAD USLO PEKING (AP, NYT).

RADIO PEKING COMPARES PURGED RADICAL LEADERS W/TROTSKY UNCLASSIFIED

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FACTION THAT WAS PURGED BY STALIN (REUTER HK). FANG YI, FORMER MINISTER ECON RELS W/FON COUNTRIES, NAMED VP ACADEMY SCIENCES IN PEKING (WP).

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS CHINAT SOURCES SAY OBTAINED COPY SPEECH GIVEN LAST AUG BY SENIOR PRC OFFICIAL. SPEAKER CONSIDERED DEFENSE AGAINST USSR AS MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION, W/TAIWAN "SECONDARY ISSUE THAT CAN WAIT;" SUMMARIZED PRC FOPOLICY.

PRC GIVES GO-AHEAD FOR 50 WORLD CRUISE PASSENGERS ON QE2, MOSTLY AMCITS, VISIT PEKING NEXT MAR (AP LONDON). PRC SCIENTISTS COMPLETE SURVEY N TIBETAN PLATEAU, SAY CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR AGRIC/IND (REUTER PEKING).

6. JAPAN

JAPAN HAS INSTRUCTED ITS WASHINGTON/SEOUL EMBS TO LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY DOS' FORMER DIRECTOR KOREAN AF-

FAIRS RANARD THAT S KOREAN INTELL AGENTS BRIBED LDP MEMBERS FOR THEIR SILENCE ABOUT ALLEGED KCIA INVOLVEMENT IN '73 KIDNAPPING KIM DAE JUNG (REUTER TOKYO).

MOST PAPERS COVER OPENING TANAKA TRIAL 1/27 (SUN; JOC; UPI CHITRIB, NYDN; THARP, WSJ). IN AM SESSION, TANAKA DENIED ALL CHARGES/LAWYERS DEMANDED CASE'S DISMISSAL (AP, WP). REUTER'S NAKAMIKADO QUOTES TANAKA TELLING COURT HE HAD NO "REASON OR THE NEED" RECEIVE SUCH MONEY, "THAT KIND" THING "IMPOSSIBLE TO HAPPEN."

KAMM (NYT) COVERS OPENING LDP ANNUAL CONVENTION. REPORTS LOCKHEED SCANDAL NOT MENTIONED; MTG CHARACTERIZED BY SOBRIETY, ENDED W/MOTION FOR LDP REFORM. ALL PARTY RESOLUTIONS/ITS PROGRAM FOR '77 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. WP, CHITRIB CARRY UPI FOTO FUKUDA LEADING "BANZAI" CHEERS AT CONVENTION.

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WSTAR (1/25) REPORTS FORD-APPOINTED DIPLOMATS LEFT OUT OF MONDALE TALKS. MENTIONED IS AMB HODGSON, WHO WILL BE IN JAPAN WHEN VP ARRIVES, BUT IS NOT SCHEDULED HAVE ANYTHING DO W/VISIT. SOME DOS OFFICIALS ANGRY, DESCRIBE OMISSION OF AMBS AS "UNNECESSARY EMBARRASSMENT."

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS JAPAN-CANADA ATOMIC ENERGY TALKS OPENED 1/26 IN TOKYO W/DEMAND CANADA LIFT EMBARGO ON NATURAL URANIUM SUPPLY. CANADA SAYS HAS NO INTENTION CURTAILING JAPAN'S EFFORTS USE PEACEFUL NUKE ENERGY, BUT IS ONLY CONCERNED OVER PROPER SAFEGUARDS AGAINST USE ATOMIC FUELS FOR MIL PURPOSES.

IRAQ GRANTS MITSUBISHI 371.5 MIL-DOL CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION THERMOELECTRIC POWER STATION (NYT).

GOJ TAKING STEPS TO HAVE PILOTS OF ALL ITS AIRLINERS UNDERGO PREFLIGHT ALCOHOL CHECKS. MOVE COMES AFTER EVIDENCE SHOWED AMERICAN PILOT OF JAL CARGO JET WAS INTOXICATED WHEN PLANE CRASHED IN ALASKA 1/13 (WITKIN, NYT).

## 7. KOREA

BREZHNEV MET W/NK PRIME MIN PAK SUNG-CHUL 1/26, STRESSED THAT USSR "CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTS" NK DRIVE TOWARD "PEACEFUL UNIFICATION" KOREA. BREZHNEV DID NOT REPEAT KOSYGIN'S CALL 1/25 FOR WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS KOREA (REUTER MOSCOW 1/26).

NK'S PARIS MISSION 1/26 ANNOUNCED 4-PT PLAN DESIGNED

REUNIFY KOREA/END WHAT IT TERMED THREAT NUKE WAR BEING  
FOUGHT THERE. PLAN CALLS FOR DISMANTLING ALL NUKE BASES/  
REMOVAL US FORCES, NUKE ARMS FROM SK (REUTER WP).

IN NEWS CONF CALLING FOR PARK LOOSEN CONTROLS IN SK, OP-  
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POSITION LEADER LEE CHOL SUNG ASKED FOR REVISION US-SK  
DEF TREATY/MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SK NATL ASSEMBLY (NYT).

MOON SECT CITED FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING VIOLATION  
AFTER DISCOVERY 1-FAMILY HOUSE BEING USED AS RESIDENCE  
FOR 40 PERSONS W/O BOARDING HOUSE PERMIT (PIETILA, SUN).

#### 8. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

FLOODS HIT DARWIN AS MONSOON RAINS CAUSE 4 RIVERS OVER-  
FLOW; RESCUE OPNS UNDERWAY (REUTER).

AUSSIE PUBLISHER MURDOCH SEEKING BUY LA HERALD-EXAMINER,  
OWNED BY HEARST CORP (REUTER 1/26).

MULDOON EXPRESSES DELIGHT/DESCRIBES AS "CONSIDERABLE  
BREAKTHROUGH" MOVES BY AFR SPORTING LEADERS TO END BOY-  
COTT NZ IF COUNTRY CONTINUES AVOID CONTACT W/S AFR (REU-  
TER).

#### 9. PHILIPPINES

UNDER AGREEMENT REACHED IN LIBYA 12/24, CEASE-FIRE BETW  
GOP TROOPS/MORO NATL LIB FRONT BEGAN 1/20, TO ALLOW MORE  
TALKS OVER HOW SOLVE FIL MOSLEM PROBLEM. NEGOTS SCHED-  
ULED RESUME 2/5 IN TRIPOLI, WHERE REBEL FRONT LEADERS  
HAVE HQ (WP).

MATHEWS (WP) REPORTS FROM MINDANAO. FINDS MOOD MORE  
RELAXED SINCE CEASE-FIRE, THO GOP MIL STILL UNEASY.

IN 1ST TERRORIST INCIDENT SINCE CEASE-FIRE, MOSLEM REBELS  
SEIZED BUS RIDING THRU S PHILS 1/26, KILLED 4 SOLDIERS  
ABOARD/TOOK 14 WOMEN PASSENGERS HOSTAGE (UPI, CHITRIB).

HOMICIDE CHARGE FILED IN PHIL PROVINCIAL COURT 1/25  
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AGAINST U- MARINE CPL STEVEN KIRWIN, ACCUSED OF KILLING

FIL AT SUBIC (WSTAR 1/26).

GOP ANNOUNCES BRIG GEN PECACHE, SCHEDULED HEAD MIL COURT THAT WILL TRY 3 AMCITS/7 FILS ON CHARGES OF PLOTTING ASSASSINATE MARCOS, REFUSED PARTICIPATE IN CASE. NO REASON GIVEN (WP).

10. GENERAL

SMALL JUNGLE FACTORIES IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPLACE HK AS PROCESSING CENTER FOR HEROIN, ACCORDING HEAD UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (WSTAR 1/26).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. KOREA

PROF RHEE OF DAYTON U WRITES NYT, STATES EXPANDING SCANDAL KCIA ACTIVITIES IN US IS SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR US POLICY. CALLS IT "OMINOUS SIGNAL"; SAYS ATTEMPTS LIMIT INVESTIGATIONS FROM US/PARK/JAPAN WILL BE SERIOUS ERROR. BELIEVES PARK REGIME, IF FREED FROM THREATS TO DICTATORSHIP, WILL INTENSIFY SUICIDAL POLICIES UNDER NATL SECURITY PRETEXT. POINTS OUT LESSON THAT "NEGLECTABLE" MORAL ISSUES DO CREATE LETHAL POL REALITIES.

12. GENERAL

CSM APPLAUDS CHOICE ELLIOT RICHARDSON AS US REP TO LOS CONF. DESCRIBES IMPORTANCE CONF, HOPES RICHARDSON DOES NOT REGARD NEW JOB AS "MERE DIVERSION." SAFIRE (NYT) THINKS PRES MAY WISH AVERT VIGOROUS DISCUSSION CONTROVERSIAL LOS ISSUE BY CLOAKING IN BIPARTISANSHIP/INDUCING PROMINENT REP TO SELL PRESIDENTIAL POLICY TO SENATE. REVIEWS WHAT'S AT STAKE/HISTORY OF CONF.  
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NYT NOTES PRES CARTER'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RTS. POINTS OUT WILL BE DIFFICULT ACHIEVE IMPROVEMENTS SINCE RULING REGIMES VIOLATE HUMAN RTS DUE FEAR LOSS POWER/TO ADVANCE PREFERRED STRATEGIES. FINDS MOTIVATIONS COMMON TO SUCH GOVTS AS USSR/SK/VN/ARGENTINA. THINKS US POLICYMAKERS SHOULD SEEK STRENGTHEN THOSE IN OTHER GOVTS WHO WISH MOVE AWAY FROM REPRESSION, BUT ADMITS SOMETIMES CAN SCARCELY BE DONE. BELIEVES COMMITMENT FOR HUMAN RTS MUST EXTEND TO ENTIRE USG/PRIVATE SECTORS. OPINES CARTER MUST NOW MOVE TO IMPLEMENT CONCERN FOR HUMAN RTS; BELIEVES INDIFFERENCE BY AMERICANS LIKELY BRING ABOUT EROSION STDS WE UPHOLD AT HOME.

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